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1. HIJACKING. MORE ON HIJACKING WAS SQUEEZED ONTO FRONT PAGES OF DAILIES DOMINATED BY SADAT NOMINATION AUG 26. LEADER OF ARRESTED HIJACKERS SAYS HE AGREED TO JOIN "ABDUL NASSER ORGANIZATION" DEDICATED TO FIGHTING ANY REGIME OPPOSED TO QADHAFI, PARTICULARLY EGYPT, SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, IN MEETING WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING UNDERSEC OF INTERIOR

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AND TWO SENIOR INTERIOR OFFICIALS. HIJACKERS HAVE ALSO REPORTEDLY

CONFESSED THAT A FIFTH PERSON, PALESTINIAN MUHAMMED TIRKAWY, TOOK PART IN ATTEMPT BUT LEFT FOR KUWAIT FOR UNKNOWN REASONS DAY BEFORE OPERATION.

2. PAPERS ALSO REPORT ARREST OF TWO OTHER MEN CONNECTED WITH HIJACKING, BUT OFFER NO DETAILS BEYOND DESCRIPTION OF ONE AS COMMERCIAL AGENT AND OTHER AS STUDENT.

3. KIBYAN REVENGE. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT LIYBAN OFFICIALS AT SABHA AIRPORT ARRESTED AS PUTATIVE SABOTEURS, TWO EGYPTIAN SECURITY OFFICERS OF AMERICAN AIRLINER CHARTERED BY EGYPT FROM AEROAMERICA CO. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY REMARKED THAT HIS ACTION MARKS CHANGE IN LIBYAN TACTICS FROM "USE OF STOOGES TO OPEN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SECURITY CONVENTIONS".

4. MUHAYSHI ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. SKHBAR LEARNED THAT MILITARY TRAIL OF LIBYAN SALIM MUKHAYMAH, ARRESTED TWO WEEKS AGO IN POSSESSION OF "LARGE QUANTITY" OF ARMS, HAS BEGUN. ACCORDING TO PAPER, LIBYAN ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT TWO EGYPTIANS, CAPRENTER ALI MUSTAFA BORAI AND MINED EMPLOYEE MUHAMMED SHENNAWI, FOR ASSASSINATION OF MUHAYSHI AND ANTOGOE LEAFLETING IN RETURN FOR MILLION AND HALF DINARS. PLOT FOILED WHEN EGYPTIANS NOTIFIED STATE SECURITY, ACCORDING TO KHBAR.

5. AKHBAR, CASTIGATING LIBYA AND SYRIA IN SAME EDITORIAL. CLAIMED QADHAFI "RUSH INTO SUBVERSION AGAINST ARABS" MOTIVATED BY HIS DESIRE TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN ARAB WORLD. HIS DOWNFALL INEVITABLE, AND HE NOW PAYING PRICE OF HIS CRIMES WITH "CRUSHING (DOMESTIC) CRISIS FROM WHICH HE WILL FIND NO WAY OUT."

6. COMMENT: FOR WATEVER REASON, PRESS -- AND GOE -- ANTI-QADHAFI THEME SEEMS TO BE MOVING FROM CERTAINTY OF EGYPTIAN RETIRUBTION TO PUNISHMENT OF CELESTIAL FORCES, OR BY SOME SORT OF PURELY LIBYAN ACTION. "LAST STRAW" ANGLE CLEARLY MISSING IN TREATMENT OF HIJACKING THUS FAR. EGYPTIANS MAY BE SLOWLY BACKING DOWN FROM SELF-IMPOSED OBLIGATION TO BRING ABOUT QADHAFI DOWNFALL BUT THISMAY WELL BE SIMPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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